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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT AMIN RECEIVE FRG AMBASSA-
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3. ACTING CHARGE AGREED TO PASS THESE VIEWS AND SAID THAT HE EXPECTED MATTER WOULD BE SOLVED SMOOTHLY AND THAT AMERICANS IN UGANDA NEED NOT WORRY. HE CLAIMED MILITARY ALERT WAS IN RESPONSE TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF US SHIP MOVEMENTS IN THE AREA AND THAT " PEOPLE BACK HOME STILL REMEMBER THE ISRAELI RAID AT ENTEBBE."

4. ACTING CHARGE ALSO ASKED IF AMB. ELLERKMANN WAS TO BE USG REPRESENTATIVE AT MARCH 2 'FESTIVITIES. DEPTOFF ANSWERED THAT USG STILL HAS GOU INVITATION UNDER STUDY.

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